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Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

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Present: M. Kerpan Izak (MKI), K. Kis (KK), D. Lilih (DL), Marina Eskolin (ME), Patrice de la Torre (PdT), Bartłomiej Kobylanski (BK), Marina Kalacheva (MKa)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Guest: Katerina Tikhonova (KT) (during the point 4)

Minutes: K. Bosnar, MKI

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST PRESIDIUM MEETING:

The minutes from the Presidium meeting in Prague were accepted unanimously. Implementation of some decisions is still in progress.

Presidium reviewed also the decisions from the General Meeting.

- PdT will prepare the exact wording of the decision nr. 10 (Selection of the judges on the World and Continental Championships), including the decisions from this Presidium meeting
- DL will prepare the Guidelines about the questions from the Members towards the WRRC Commissions, with clear rules about procedure (who can send the questions to the WRRC, deadlines for answers etc.)

2. FINANCES

ME gave the short overview of the financial situation of the WRRC, and about the jurisdictional status of the WRRC as a non-profit organisation according to the Swiss laws.

(125) In order to be fully operational in all financial aspects, and to obtain the valid VAT-number, WRRC shall be registered in Switzerland also as a commercial entity.

2.1. Education project

KK presented the idea of the Educational Committee. The members of the Committee would be the persons who will also be chosen as lecturers on the InterRock 2020. In the short discussion, Presidium revised the Modules which are already available online on the education.wrrc.dance subdomain. There is also a big need for the videos and education about the basic acrobatic elements. These modules shall be prepared and filmed during the InterRock 2020:

(126) WRRC will prepare a project of Education and modules for acrobatics. The persons appointed to prepare the project, including all financial aspects, are KK, BK, PdT, DL. Deadline: 30.11.2019

2.2. SAP World Cup Final

PdT and ME presented the proposal for the distribution of the prize money for the SAP World Cup Final in Zielona Gora:

WRRRC PRIZE MONEY 2019

	RR MCFS		BW MC		RR M CCS	
	SAP WC Final	SAP Ranking 2019	SAP WC Final	Ranking 2019	SAP WC Final	Ranking 2019
1st	1.020 €	3.000 €	850 €	2.500 €	340 €	1.000 €
2nd	810 €	2.400 €	675 €	2.000 €	270 €	800 €
3rd	600 €	1.800 €	500 €	1.500 €	200 €	600 €
4th	600 €	1.200 €	500 €	1.000 €	200 €	400 €
5th	/	750 €	/	625 €	/	250 €
6th	/	600 €	/	500 €	/	200 €
7th	/	600 €	/	500 €	/	200 €
8th	/	600 €	/	500 €	/	200 €
9th	/	600 €	/	500 €	/	200 €
10th	/	600 €	/	500 €	/	200 €
	3.030 €	12.150 €	2.525 €	10.125 €	1.010 €	4.050 €
	Total RR MCFS:	15.180 €	Total BW MC :	12.650 €	Total RR M CCS	5.060 €

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY 2019 : 32.890 €

(127) Presidium confirmed the distribution of prize money for the SAP FINAL, and overall SAP Ranking. There will be no cash payment. All couples are obliged to hand out the official form (one person - one account) during the Registration on the World Cup Final. At the end of the competition the amounts will be confirmed and signed by the WRRRC representatives. ME and PdT will make a template of the form, and it will be published on the WRRRC homepage.

(128) PdT will prepare an Overview document for the SAP Final to avoid misunderstanding in nomination of the couples.

2.3. Reimbursement for the couples on competitions in 2019

In order to help and support the couples of the Main Class Boogie Woogie and Main Class Free Style Rock'n'Roll, as our Top classes, WRRC Presidium confirms the decisions made since the last Presidium meeting:

(129) WRRC shall finance the hotel costs (one night) for all couples of RR MCFS and BW MC, present on following competitions:

- **World Cup, Prague, 05.10.2019 – RR MC Free Style**
- **World Cup, Stjørdal / Trondheim, 26.10.2019 – BW Main Class**

- (130) Reimbursement of the hotel costs for the couples will continue also in the year 2020. The final decision on which competitions this will be the case, shall be made on the next Presidium meeting in January 2020.**

3. RULES FOR THE ORGANIZERS

Duties and obligations of the organizers are currently scattered over the several documents (Tournament rules, Documents for the organizers, Contract with the organizer). PdT prepared the overview of all materials, with several proposal for changes. After discussion, following decision were made:

- (131) The Presidium approved the revised obligations for competition organizers. This will be a separate document, to be attached to the Contract for the Organizer. In the Tournament rules, only one sentence will point to this separate document. PdT and MKI will prepare the final wording of the document.**
- (132) All future competitions will be posted on the Competition Calendar of the WRRC only after the contract was signed and sent back to the WRRC Office by the organizer. If the contract will not be signed within 30 days after the reception, the competition will be free for other organizers.**

Presidium also discussed the problems connected with the officials on the competitions, especially the need to give them the space where they can be secluded from the competitors and audience. This includes also persons who are accompanying the officials:

- (133) Accompanying persons of the officials are not allowed to enter the official's area (judging room, judging positions).**

4. Expansion and marketing

4.1. Expansion project

MKa gave an extended overview of the status and development of the Expansion project. We have ongoing activities in Australia, China, Peru, Mexico, India, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Armenia. In the USA this year we had on Open US Championship for the categories Juveniles and Children with the participation of couples from USA, Poland and Ireland, and it is encouraging, that also one new club was formed. We have also a new development in Spain, and one couple from Spain will already take part in the competitions of the RR MCFS this year.

In some of these countries we have also the WDSF national members, but the cooperation with them is not always on the expected level.

- (134) MKa and MKI will contact the WDSF regarding the cooperation with the WDSF NMB-s in the future development of Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie.**

The Expansion project is going on also in the development of the Boogie Woogie, thanks to the enthusiastic work of Eirik Bolme and Zoryana Kalashnik. One of the big problems in the successful

expansion in Boogie Woogie is, that we don't have competitions for the beginners level (having only one Main Class).

(135) Until the next Presidium meeting, WRRRC shall prepare a proposal for a Rising star competitions in Boogie Woogie, which will be included in the InterRock 2020.

MKa presented the method to evaluate the development status of the individual countries. Based on these criteria, the WRRRC could track the progress of the new countries, and make decisions about the financial support.

4.2. Corporate Clubs Project

KT presented the idea of the Corporate Clubs, which was already successfully implemented in the Russian Federation:

- Companies open Rock'n'Roll clubs in the cities where they are presented and cover coaches' salary, hall rent and corporate competitions traveling expenses
- WRRRC or its national member provides the club with coaches and training recommendations
- The club is open for anyone under normal conditions and to the employees under special conditions. The idea is that the clubs grows and becomes an independent sports organization
- we already have preliminary agreements with 3 companies Gazprombank, Rusatom International Network and Rosneft Deutschland and the cooperation contracts will be signed before the end of 2019
- For the corporate clubs' participants, a special competition will be created by the WRRRC basing on the experience of the FDSARR, with special categories. MKa will send the corporate athletes categories description to DL as the basis

(136) The Presidium decided to start with the project of the Corporate Clubs. The details will be set during the next Presidium meeting in January (appointed persons: MKa and KT).

4.3. Open Workshops

WRRRC will start with the first try of the Open Workshops:

- Regular workshops in new countries announced by open advertising online (sign-up pages) in the rented halls
- Cooperation with dance clubs for further trainings

Frist try will take place in London (October 11-13), in cooperation with the RR Club "Quickfeet" (Coventry), and a RR coach in London as the main support.

4.4. Expansion InterRock 2019

Presidium approved the financial support for the work of the Curators during the “Expansion InterRock 2019”, only for the couples from the expansion project countries, which will take place during one of the national training camps in France:

(137) Lecturers on the InterRock shall receive the fee of 100 EUR for the half day, and 200 EUR for the full day of training. This fee shall be included in the WRRC Fee Scale for 2020, as general rule.

4.5. InterRock 2020

MKa presented the project of the next big WRRC event, InterRock 2020:

- Education
 - judging seminars for the new judges in Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie
 - lectures about rules and judging for coaches,
 - RR and BW introduction lectures, music lectures
- Trainings
 - For beginners (new countries, new couples)
 - MCFS trainings with star-coaches and couples
 - Kids/juveniles/juniors/MCCS trainings, with the possibility to visit the MCFS Stars workshops
 - Boogie Woogie trainings

At the end of the event, Rising star competitions will be organized.

(138) “InterRock 2020” will be organized from 01-08.07.2020. All details will be published by the end of the year. PdT, KK and MKa will prepare the documentation for the event (Registration procedure, proposal of lecturers, budget). Deadline: end of October 2019.

4.6. Marketing

Since the last Presidium meeting, WRRC has adopted a much more proactive approach to the marketing activities, especially on the social media. New sections of the WRRC homepage were added: Education, Events, Shop. The homepage wrrc.dance is in the process of rebranding, and will be online latest till the end of October.

MKa presented which further steps which will be taken, from regular creation of the HQ video content from our own production, over paid advertising space in Instagram stories, to the offline sales of merchandise during most important competitions, and creating regular interesting content in between the competitions.

(139) In order to obtain the high quality photo-material, WRRC will appoint it's own photo-service for most important competitions. MKa will prepare the proposal and budget for the next Presidium meeting (January 2020).

5. SPORT TOPICS

5.1. Division of judges on WRRC Competitions

DL presented a very comprehensive document with several proposal for changes. The Presidium discussed point by point, and made following decisions:

(140) Judges for all Main Classes (RR Main Clas Contact Style, RR Main Class Free Style, BW Main Class) on the World and Continental Championships, and World Cup Finals will be nominated individually by the WRRC Presidium.

For all other events the judges will be nominated by country

Following table will be used to determine the number of judges on the competition:

Number of Categories RR	Number of Judges
2 categories	7 judges
3 categories	8 judges
4 categories	9 judges
5 categories	10 judges
More than 5 categories	Minimum 10 judges

Number of Categories BW	Number of Judges
1 category	5 judges
2 categories	5 judges
3 categories	6 judges
More than 3 categories	Minimum 7 judges

Combined events are calculated like separate competitions with minimum one combined judge.

World and continental championships are excluded from this calculation. Number and names of judges are defined by Presidium (see point 140.)

Following table will be used to determine the number of observers on the competition:

Number of categories	Number of observers
1 formation category	1 observer
2 formation categories	1 observers
3 formation categories	2 observers
More than 3 formation categories	2 observers
1 to 3 couple categories	2 observers
More than 3 couple categories	3 observers
Combined events	Initial number by category + 1 observer

Distribution of judges per categories shall be done randomly by the computer program. DL shall provide the basic specifications for the programing.

All judges with potential conflict of interest (family members) must announce this already at the beginning of the season and not only for specific competition.

5.2. SAP World Cup Final 2019 – final list of judges

Presidium reviewed and determined the final list of judges for the 2019.. The list can be found in the details of the SAP World Cup Final in the Competition Calendar.

We also apologize for the premature publishing of the working list of the officials for this competition.

5.3. New Anti-Doping Form of Consent for Athletes

PdT prepared the new anti-doping form of consent for athletes. The form is now in accordance with the latest regulations regarding the GDPR, WADA and WDSF. The form will be published on the WRRC home page, and it will be obligatory for all new registered dancers.

5.4. Open championships and competitions for 2020

Following Championships are still open for the organizers for the next year (2020).

European Championship	BW FMC
World Championship	BW FMC
European Championship	BW JUN
European Championship	BW MC
European Championship	BW SEN
European Championship	RR FJUN
European Championship	RR FMC
World Championship	RR FMC
European Championship	RR MCCS

The calendar is still open for the applications for the World Cups RR MCFS in the spring 2020, and for the World Cups Boogie Woogie in the autumn 2020.

5.5. Boogie Woogie topics

Boogie Woogie Commission proposed several changes for the following year.

(141) Presidium accepted point 1 of the proposals, new weighting of the criteria (Valid from 01.01.2020):

- **Basic: 15 points**
- **L&F: 15 points**
- **Figures: 10 points**
- **Music interpretation: 25 points**

(142) Boogie Woogie Commission shall appoint 2 persons for the existing WRRC Judging Commission.

(143) Seminar for the Boogie Woogie judges will take place in Erding (Munich), Germany, on 01.02.2020. Seminar is open only for the existing international judges with NJS license (valid or expired). There will be no seminar fee for announced judges. All details will be published by the WRRC Office in shortest possible time. KB will coordinate the organization with Aina Nygard.

All other topics from the proposal of the Boogie Woogie Commission need some more clarifications, which should be prepared for the next Presidium meeting.

5.6. Rock'n'Roll topics

- After analysis of the dancing time and distribution of acrobatic elements in RR Main Class Contact style and Main Class Free Style, Presidium reached following conclusion:
 - (144) Dancing time in the preliminary rounds for RR Main Classes (CS and FS) with 5 acrobatic elements will stay the same as before (1:30 to 1:45 minutes). Dancing time in the rounds with 6 acrobatic elements shall be 1:45 to 2:00 minutes. Valid from 01.01.2020.**
 - (145) If the couple ends the program more than 10 seconds earlier than the minimum dancing time, red card will be given immediately. Valid from 01.01.2020.**
 - (146) Regardless of the number of couples in the RR MCFS and MCCS, there will be no Second round. DL will prepare new sliding division of rounds, based on the number of couples on the competition. Deadline: 31.10.2019. Valid from 01.01.2020.**
- The new category RR Children started very successfully, but it got obvious, that dancing time of the older Juvenile category is too long for smaller Children:
 - (147) Dancing time for the category RR Children will be 1:00 to 1:15 minutes. Final round this category must be carried out before the evening part of the competition. Valid from 01.01.2020**
 - (148) KK will make the revision of the Dress Code and Make-up for the category Children.**

5.7. Improvements of the judging system

PdT presented the judging system in France, where they divide the judges in groups by criteria, and each of the groups judges the different criteria. Presidium discussed about such solution, but that would require a much larger number of judges per competition than we currently have. One of the solutions could be to divide the judges on technical judges (points by deductions) and artistic judges (points by evaluation). PdT proposed to have the next seminar in France, where they could demonstrate their system, and to collect the opinions of WRRC international judges. After discussion, following decisions were made:

- (149) Seminar for the Rock'n'Roll judges will take place in Lyon, France, on 11.01.2020. Seminar is open only for the existing international judges with NJS license (valid or expired). There will be no seminar fee for announced judges. All**

details will be published by the WRRC Office in shortest possible time. KB will coordinate the organization with PdT.

(150) In order to improve the work of the observers during, and analysis of judging after the competition, WRRC will buy video equipment (3 GoPro cameras with appropriate equipment). Equipment will be stored in the scrutineers' box. Observers will be responsible for placing the cameras on the required positions in the hall. Valid from 01.01.2020.

(151) Based on the analysis of the last competitions, the Presidium proposes to change the structure of judges on competitions, and to divide them on technical and artistic judges. The Judging commission will prepare the final proposal for the next Presidium meeting in January 2020, and it will be presented on the General Meeting 2020 in Paris.

5.8. Sport Commission

(152) Presidium appointed following additional persons to the Sport Commission (old members: Denis Lilih, Katalin Kis, Fred Pasqualin, Kresimir Bosnar):

- Bartholomiej Kobylansky (POL)
- Dmitry Ionov (RUS)
- Heico Bartsch (GER)

(153) Sport Commission shall make the revision of the existing RR rules, documents and acrobatic database. As exception to the valid rule about the deadline for publishing the changes in the rules latest till 31.10. in the current year for the following year, Presidium set the deadline for publishing this revision on 30.11.2019.

6. MUSIC ON THE COMPETITIONS

MKa presented the possible solutions how to resolve the music rights, especially during the live streaming from the competitions. One of the solutions could be, to negotiate licenses with specialized agencies. In that case, WRRC could take over management for the music rights for the live streaming (connected with the WRRC TV project) for certain number of competitions during the year.

Music rights management for the audience in the hall shall remain one of the responsibilities of the organizer of the competition, because the legislation differs from country to country.

(154) MKa an BK are appointed to find the best solution for management of the music rights for live streaming and present it on the next Presidium meeting.

Presidium also discussed the problematic of the quality and style of individual music of RR couples. As member of the Music Commission, Mr. Attila Szakal sent a letter with recommendations how to prepare such music. The letter shall be published on the WRRC homepage, as guideline.

7. SOFTWARE CHANGES AND REQUIREMENTS

Based on the decisions during the Presidium meeting, it became clear that many of them would require also some significant software changes and additions. Some of the changes in the Registration software are required also in regarding to stricter rules of the GDPR.

(155) MKI will have a meeting with the software provider, Linum, and discuss the specification for the required changes:

- **Transition to the more reliable and secure SQL database format**
- **Preparation of the new functions inside the Registration Software**
 - i. **Automatic and random distribution of judges on the competitions**
 - ii. **Conformity with the GDPR**
 - iii. **Handling of the data required for the management of the musical rights**
- **Statistical methods for judging analysis, based on the data from the competitions**

8. World Games 2021

World Games 2021 are coming near. Selection of Main Class Free Style couples will be made in the same way as it was for the World Games in Wroclaw, 2017:

- **Combined ranking list**
 - World Championship 2020
 - World Cup 2020
- **Selection (14 couples)**
 - One couple per continent
 - One couple per country
- **Basic requirement as set by IWGA** – both athletes holding the passport of the country they represent

More information will follow after the next Presidium Meeting in January.

9. Cooperation with the WDSF

MKa gave a short overview of the WDSF Annual General Meeting. WRRC had a very good and impressive presentation during the AGM.

MKI informed the Presidium that WDSF extended the existing contract with the WRRC for one year under the existing conditions, until the 31.08.2020.

10. Any other item

Next Presidium Meeting will take place in Lyon, France, on 12-13.01.2020.

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 22.09.2019 at 17:00.

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